

## BLISS' CONSPIRACY

TO INJURE MEN'S CHARACTERS

Proceedings Before Judge Snell's Court—Confession  
Tidball and Cautious Woodward Admit that  
the Government Has Lost no Money  
by the Cabell Controversy

Yesterday afternoon, at 12:15 o'clock, the hearing of the straw-bond cases was resumed in the Police Court. Mr. G. W. Bliss conducted the prosecution, and he was assisted by Colonel William A. Cook, special attorney for the United States. Colonel Corbhill, the District Attorney, was present for a time, but took no part in the proceedings.

**DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL.**

The defendants were represented by counsel as follows: Messrs. Oliver and Brown appeared for Minnix and Donahue; Mr. L. G. Hine for Mr. Campbell; Charles Pelham and A. B. Williams for A. E. Boone, and Judge Jere Wilson for Hoyt, Sweet and Dickson. Colonel Enoch Totten also assisted as general counsel and also other members of the

Mr. Cabell being the contractor and Messrs. Minick and Dickson being the defendants. The case taken up was that of

CONTRACT NO. 30,919.

Mr. Cabell being the contractor and Messrs. Minick and Dickson being the defendants. A bill of particulars was read, the charge, counsel for defendants all present, and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff. The court then asked the question of jurisdiction at present, but would not allow an opinion, and,

A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

was entered by all of the defendants in this action. The court excused the defendants in the other cases, and the case of the defendant, Z. L. Tidball, was called as the first witness. Had known Charles H. Dickson for some time, and was acquainted with him. He had written out, and to which Dickson had placed his signature. The paper was offered in evidence in this case. The bill of particulars was admitted by the court. It had been published in substance in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and that is what Dickson had read, this statement, but that he had read it to Dickson before he signed it. The paper was then examined by Judge Williams at length, and

WAS CONSIDERED CONCLUSIVE

there was a statement in his report that the (Globe-Democrat) had published it. The witness was then examined by the plaintiff's counsel, and the witness was

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**REPUTATION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND CABELL.**

In answer to Mr. Oliver witness said he knew nothing personally of the Morgan County property.

The next witness called was Inspector P. R. Woodward. This witness was very cautious in all of his admissions, often saying that certain evidence was according to his belief, and

**AVOIDING POSITIVE ASSERTIONS.**

His testimony was in the main a repetition of the given by Tidball, except that he had drawn up a statement which Minnix had signed in pretty much the same style as that made by Dickson to Inspector Tidball. In the course of his examination witness testified that this statement was also

NOT PREPARED TO SWEAR TO IT.

Many persons come to this room; he could not say how Minnix came there; he was not prepared to say that he or Mr. Shallcross had sent for him. He could not identify the three men, Cabel, Minnix, and Dickson, although he had seen a part of their statements prepared, and had a recollection of their contents—a distinct recollection, he said, of the first two. Had not he inquired into Cabel's method of performing service, and could not express an opinion as to his reliability.

At this point the court adjourned until twelve o'clock to-day.

**The Contingent Fund of the Treasury.**

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury

ingent fund of that Department during the fiscal year was laid before the House of Representatives on Wednesday. The expenditures made on account of blunders for the year were aggregated \$11,537 (including in which were seven hundred blunders purchased from J. Bradle Adams for \$875 and one hundred copies of Lamphier's book on "The Government of the United States" for \$300; on account of traveling expense, \$2,996; on account of freight, telegrams, &c., \$1,430; on account of postage, \$1,000; on account of baggage, &c., \$9,988 (including one office carrying \$690, and another at \$400; also, rubber coats, \$22; robes and repairs, \$108; sleigh, bells, and repairs, \$141; and general repairs, \$1,045); on account of fuel, coal, &c., \$7,159; on account of fuel and

on account of furniture, \$29,109; on account of miscellaneous disbursements, \$17,652. The total amount appropriated for the fund was \$124,000 and the total amount expended \$119,230, leaving a surplus of \$4,770.

**A Hoosier Tragedy.**  
CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.—Gravel's special mess: Arden Fraser, a highly respected attorney, charged with the assassination of John Walton, a farmer near St. Paul, Ind., last night. Fraser confessed and said he had been promised a large reward by O. M. Garrett, neighbor living near him. If he would kill Walton, Garrett was arrested and taken to a justice's office where, before being taken to the jail, he was charged with an outcome with a guard, and suddenly drawing a revolver, shot himself in the head.

Long thought of as a very dry document, and denied the title of "the bible of the nation," it has been indicated that Walton's wife was more likely to be the one. It is stated that Garrett and Mrs. Walton have been suspected of intimacy for some time. The citizens are much excited.

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**The "Congressional Record" Index.**

Arrangements have been made by the Joint Committee on Printing for the publication of a semi-monthly index of the *Congressional Record*, and the first number has now been issued. Hitherto the *Record* has failed to fulfill the purposes of its daily issue, and to justify the enormous expense of its publication; for the reason that after a few weeks of a session its bulk becomes so

semi-monthly index supplies the deficiency. The work has evidently been committed to the hands of experts, as there is such a complete change from the old form and system of indexing that it indicates a carefully digested plan. It is desirable that if it proves satisfactory the index will be issued weekly.

penitentiary, S. C. Williams, the incumbent; second incumbent, J. H. Williams, the incumbent; and third incumbent, Mr. Massey refused to acquiesce in the cause, and the matter of the auditor or comptroller's accounts, and that office was passed by for future consideration.

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**A Curious Death.**

PHILADELPHIA, PA., JAN. 11.—As the Inquest to-day on the body of Frederick Miller, who was reported to have died from hydrophobia, last Saturday, the attending physician testified that the deceased's death resulted from the fear of being afflicted with hydrophobia than from the actual presence of the disease, and that his death was caused by exhaustion, the result of a quarrel with his wife.

**A Dakota Cyclone Coming.**  
DEADWOOD, DAK., Jan. 12.—A mass convention of the people of the Black Hills, held here last night, adopted resolutions favoring the division of Dakota on the forty-sixth parallel and the formation of the southern part to Statehood. A committee of fifty-one was appointed to go to Washington and urge the matter upon Congress.